

## Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for enabling pre-downloads of network objects by a web client, comprising steps of: including  
receiving a request including a variable for a network object web page, ~~said request including at least one variable;~~  
normalizing the said request by removing the variable and replacing the variable with a placeholder value;  
determining a prediction of a future network object likely to be requested by the web client in the form of a hint ~~web page in response to a result of said normalizing; and~~  
de-normalizing the hint by substituting in the variable removed from the request into a URL for the hint ~~said prediction.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The [A] method of as in claim 1 further comprising a step of attaching the hint URL to the requested network object to form a response,  
~~including identifying said variable.~~
3. (Currently Amended) The [A] method of as in claim 2 further comprising a step of sending the response over a communication network to the web client,  
~~including generating a form of said request having a replacement for said variable.~~
4. (Currently Amended) The [A] method of as in claim 1 wherein the determining step comprises accessing a Web-site graph,  
~~including referring to a data structure including at least one normalized request.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The [A] method of as in claim 4 further comprising a step of updating the Web-site graph with predictive statistics regarding network objects,  
~~wherein said referring to includes receiving a prediction of said future web page in response to said data structure and said result of said normalizing.~~
6. (original) The [A] method of as in claim 1 further comprising a step of ,including serving the hint URL to the at least a portion of said future web page to a client associated with the said request.
7. (Currently Amended) The [A] method of as in claim 1[6,] wherein the network object comprises one of: said portion includes an embedded object associated with a said future web page and a web page.
8. (Currently Amended) A system for enabling pre-downloads of network objects by a web client, comprising including:  
a URL identification element that receives means for receiving a request including a variable for a network object web page, said request including at least one variable;  
a normalization element configured to normalize the means for normalizing said request by removing the variable and replacing the variable with a placeholder value;  
a prediction element configured to determine means for determining a prediction of a future network object likely to be requested by the web client in the form of a hint web page in response to a result of said normalizing; and  
a de-normalization element configured to de-normalize the hint by substituting in the variable removed from the request into a URL for the hint means for de-normalizing said prediction.

9. (Currently Amended) The [A] system of [as in] claim 8 further comprising a hint attachment element configured to attach the hint URL to the requested network object to form a response,~~including means for identifying said variable.~~
10. (Currently Amended) The [A] system of [as in] claim 9 wherein the hint attachment element is configured to send the response over a communication network to the web client,~~including means for generating a form of said request having a replacement for said variable.~~
11. (Currently Amended) The [A] system of [as in] claim 8 wherein the prediction element is configured to access a Web-site graph,~~including means for referring to a data structure including at least one normalized request.~~
12. (Currently Amended) The [A] system of [as in] claim 11 further comprising a predictive statistics server configured to update the Web-site graph with predictive statistics regarding network objects,~~wherein said means for referring to includes means for receiving a prediction of said future web page in response to said data structure and said result of said normalizing.~~
13. (Currently Amended) The [A] system of [as in] claim 8 further comprising a web server configured to serve the hint URL to the ,~~including means for serving at least a portion of said future web page to a client associated with the said request.~~
14. (Currently Amended) The [A] system of [as in] claim 8 [13,] wherein the network object comprises one of: ~~said portion includes an embedded object associated with a said future web page and a web page.~~

15. (Currently Amended) A memory storing information including instructions, ~~said instructions~~ interpretable by a processor for application to a request for a network object to enable pre-downloads of network objects, the web page, ~~said request~~ including ~~a at least one variable datum~~, the instructions comprising including: normalizing the said request by removing the variable and replacing the variable with a placeholder value;
- determining a prediction of a future network object likely to be requested in the form of a hint web page in response to a result of said normalizing; and
- de-normalizing the hint by substituting in the variable removed from the request into a URL for the hint ~~said prediction~~.
16. (Currently Amended) The [A] memory of as in claim 15[,] wherein the instructions further comprise attaching the hint URL to the requested network object to form a response ~~said memory includes at least one of: an electromagnetic storage medium, a mass storage medium, an optical storage medium, a random access memory, a read only memory, a removable storage medium.~~
17. (Currently Amended) The [A] memory of claim 15 further storing information including a web-site graph data structure, ~~said data structure~~ interpretable by a processor for application to a request for the network object, the Web-site graph comprising a web page, ~~said request including at least one variable datum~~, the ~~data structure including~~: a directed graph of nodes indicators, each node ~~said indicator~~ referring to a network object set of web pages, ~~at least one said indicator including a normalized request~~.
18. (Currently Amended) The [A] memory of as in claim 17[,] wherein the Web-site graph said data structure includes a predictive statistic associated with at least one node that has edge in said directed graph, ~~said statistic having predictive value regarding future network objects web pages to be requested.~~

19. (Currently Amended) The [A] memory of as in claim 15 [17,] wherein the instructions further comprise serving the hint URL to a web client associated with the request ~~said memory includes at least one of: an electromagnetic storage medium, a mass storage medium, an optical storage medium, a random access memory, a read only memory, a removable storage medium.~~